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SUBJ: GLEMP REPORTS WALESA DETAINED; SEE SITUATION GRAVE

1. (C - ENTIRE TEXT)

2. THE PRIMATE TOLD THE CHARGE THIS AFTERNOON THAT HE HAD NOT ACTUALLY SEEN WALESA YESTERDAY, BUT MERELY HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH HIM BRIEFLY ON THE TELEPHONE. (WE ASSUME THE PRIMATE MEANT RADIO TELEPHONE OR SOME DEVICE PROVIDED BY THE AUTHORITIES TO FACILITATE THE CONTACT SINCE CIVIL PHONES ARE NOT OPERATING. GLEMP SAID WALESA WAS NOT A FREE AGENT BUT IS DETAINED AT SKOLIMOW NEAR KONSTACIN JUST SOUTH OF WARSAW CITY LIMITS. THE PRIMATE SAID THAT WALESA IS BEING HELD ALONE; "ALL HE CAN SEE ARE SOLDIERS AND TREES." GLEMP ESTIMATED THAT A TOTAL OF 2,000 TO 30,000 PERSONS HAD BEEN ARRESTED.

3. GLEMP CHARACTERIZED THE SITUATION AS GRAVE BUT SAID HE HOPES THE DANGERS COULD BE LIMITED. HE PREDICTED CERTAIN CONFLICT, COMPLICATED BY PROVOCATION, EXPLAINING THAT THE INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE, THE PARTY AND SOLIDARNOSC ARE VERY DIFFERENT. HARKENING BACK TO THE GENESIS OF THE EMERGENCY, THE PRIMATE WAS CERTAIN THE DECISION WAS MADE VERY RECENTLY. HE SPECULATED THAT IT WAS ARRIVED AT IN CONJUNCTION WITH JARUZELSKI'S FORTHCOMING TRIP TO MOSCOW FOR BREZHNEV'S BIRTHDAY, BUT IN ANY EVENT, THE PRIMATE SAID THE DECISION WAS TAKEN PRECIPITOUSLY. HE THOUGHT THAT JARUZELSKI WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE THE TRIP NOW.

4. THE CHARGE COMPLIMENTED GLEMP ON HIS BALANCED AND CAREFULL DEC 13 ADDRESS AND ASKED IF THE PRIMATE WAS SATISFIED IT WAS BEING BROADCAST IN FULL, WHICH WAS A CONDITION HE HAD INSISTED

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ON. HE SAID HE WAS CERTAINLY NOT SATISFIED, THAT IT WAS BEING TRANSMITTED REPEATEDLY WHEN HE HAD UNDERSTOOD IT WAS TO BE BROADCAST ONCE.

5. THE PRIMATE SAID HE HAD NO IMMEDIATE PLANS TO MEET WITH JARUZELSKI NOR HAD SUCH A MEETING BEEN REQUESTED BY THE GOVERNMENT. HE REFERRED TO A BARCIKOWSKI/KUBERSKI MEETING WITH BISHOP DABROWSKI, PRESUMABLY THE ONE WHICH TOOK PLACE AT 0500 DEC 13.

6. SEVERAL TIMES DURING THE COURSE OF THE 40-MINUTE MEETING THE PRIMATE SAID THAT HE HAD ONLY LIMITED INFORMATION AT HIS DISPOSAL AND THAT HIS OPINIONS, THEREFORE, ARE OF LIMITED VALIDITY. (HE DID REPORT THAT FOUR PRIESTS WERE ARRESTED, BUT HE AND MONSIGNOR DABROWSKI, ALSO PRESENT, SAID THEY ANTICIPATED THE PRIESTS WOULD BE RELEASED SHORTLY.) GLEMP SAID HE EXPECTED TO HAVE A BETTER PICTURE FOLLOWING THE NATIONAL MEETING OF CHURCH AUTHORITIES IN WARSAW TOMORROW. HIS KNOWLEDGE OF STRIKES, ETC. WHICH ARE OCCURRING IN THE COUNTRY AGREED GENERALLY WITH WHAT WE HAVE HEARD; HE MENTIONED SPECIFICALLY STRIKES AT HUT WARSZAWA, NOVA HUTA (KRAKOW) AND HUTA LENINA (KATOWICE). HE ALSO MENTIONED SERIOUS TROUBLE IN RADOM, OF WHICH WE HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY HEARD. HIS INFORMATION IS FROM CHURCH SOURCES (BISHOPS AND PRIESTS WHO HAVE COME TO WARSAW). HE TENTATIVELY PLANS TO TRAVEL TO GNIEZNO TOMORROW. MONSIGNOR DABROWSKI TOLD CHARGE AND POL COUNSELOR THAT THE TRIP WAS CONTINGENT UPON EVENTS AND ALTHOUGH ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED TO LAST THROUGH DEC 21, COULD BE CURTAILED. MONSIGNOR DABROWSKI WILL ACCOMPANY THE PRIMATE.

7. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE SESSION, WHEN ASKED WHAT HE SAW AS THE PROSPECTS, GLEMP SAID THE SITUATION COULD BE BETTER TOMORROW OR IT COULD BE WORSE; HE SIMPLY DID NOT KNOW. HE SAID HE WAS GRATEFUL FOR THE SYMPATHETIC INTEREST DEMONSTRATED BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IN THE PROBLEMS OF POLAND, AND FOR THE HELP THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE EXTENDED TO HIS COUNTRY. HE HOPED THAT HELP WOULD CONTINUE. HE SAID HE MAY REQUEST EMBASSY TO SEND CHRISTMAS GREETING TO CARDINAL KROL OF PHILADELPHIA IF COMMUNICATIONS ARE NOT RESTORED.

8. COMMENT: THE PRIMATE WAS AT HIS GARY COOPER BEST. HIS ANSWERS WERE TERSE AND DEVOID OF DETAIL, BUT HE SEEMED PLEASED

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TO BE CONSULTED. IF HE HAS ANY SPECIAL INSIGHTS ON THE SITUATION
HE GUARDED THEM VERY CAREFULLY. #ILGIS

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